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1. At the beginning of its participation in the Korean war the Chinese Communist Army had two front line headquarters,¹ which were recently combined into the Chinese People's Volunteer Army Front Line Unified Command,² with headquarters at Pyongyang. Included under this command are a political department, a service department and artillery, engineers and armored force commands. Over ten North Korean officers with the rank of colonel and above are liaison officers. Before a battle the Chinese and North Koreans consult, decide the strategy and issue orders. Except for personnel, administrative and supply services, all North Korean units are under the control of this command.

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2. Elements, in many cases one division, of each of the 20, 24, 26, 30, 38, 39, 40, 42, 50, 51,³ 52,⁴ and 54 Armies are now in Mukden being incorporated into an International Volunteer Army (IVA). At the conclusion of four weeks training in the use of Soviet weapons, the units will be returned to Korea.⁵

3. About 200,000 volunteers from other nations, mostly Japanese and Mongols, are now training in Mukden, Changchun, Kirin and Harbin.⁶ There are few eastern Europeans, although 120 Rumanian fighter pilots are now in Antung.⁶ The training of those volunteers lasts about three months; one large group was scheduled to finish on 31 May.

4. The Chinese Communist 65, 67 and 68 Armies, about 100,000 men,⁶ together with 30,000 Mongols and 20,000 Japanese, are stationed in the Yalu River area along a line between Linchiang (126-54, 41-49), Chian (126-10, 41-07), Hunchiangk'ou (123- , 41-) and Antung. Strong fortifications, radar nets and coast defense guns were being established; 16 large cannons were moved in during mid-April.⁷

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5. SAITO Yaheita has been appointed training commander of the "Japanese Aid Korea Volunteer Army." SAITO was chief of staff of the Kwangtung Army during World War III. After the war he was imprisoned in Siberia with Henry P'U Yi but later was made a high staff officer of the Northwest Democratic United Headquarters. In 1946 he twice accompanied LIN Piao south of the Yangtze and went four times to Ssipingchien.

6. The Japanese volunteer army is composed of ex-prisoners and Japanese artillery and engineer units of the 4 Field Army. It has three divisions of about 16,000 men each.⁸

7. Four divisions, a total of over 50,000, of Inner Mongols in the "Korea Volunteer Cavalry Army" are undergoing training at Liacyang, Anshan, Kaiping, Ssipingchien, Suchietun, Kaiyuan and Kirin.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] and referenced reports concerning the two commands in Korea. 25X1A

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. This may have some connection with the combined command reported in [REDACTED] which has a more equal distribution of Koreans and Chinese.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. While it has been reported that elements of the 51 Army were sent to Korea, as of 2 May another agency reported that it was still in Hankow, with one division in Nanning.

25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reports that as of 15 March, 52 Army headquarters was in Liuchou, Kwangsi. 25X1A

25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] from a different source, concerning the transfer of divisions under SUNG Shih-lun to Manchuria to act as IVA cadre. 25X1A

25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Comment. The figures appear to be excessively high.

25X1A 7. [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] concerning fortifications in this area. 25X1A

25X1A 8. [REDACTED] Comment. It is not known whether this is confirmation or duplication of [REDACTED]